

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A nutrition ~~Nutrition~~ trace element composition, characterised in that one daily dose of the composition contains 0.04 - 2 mg of selenium and/or 10 mg - 100 mg of zinc as trace element(s), wherein iron is not contained as a trace element.
2. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim ~~Claim~~ 1, characterised in that the composition exists as an infusion solution.
3. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim ~~Claim~~ 2, characterised in that the infusion solution exists in a form suitable for parenteral administration.
4. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the Claims 1—3~~, characterised in that it exists as a concentrate with 0.004 mg - 0.2 mg/ml of selenium and/or 1 mg - 10 mg/ml of zinc.
5. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the Claims 1—4~~, characterised in that it exists as an aqueous solution for injection purposes.
6. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim 1, ~~one of the Claims 1—5, characterised in that~~ further comprising other trace elements ~~are present, which are~~ selected from the group consisting of chromium, fluorine, iodine, copper, manganese and molybdenum.
7. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to claim 1 ~~one of the Claims 1—6~~, characterised in that the composition is formulated as a 10-ml infusion solution.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Administration unit of a~~ The composition according to claim 1 ~~one of the Claims 1 – 7~~, characterised in that it exists as an aqueous solution in an ampoule.

9-13. (Cancelled)

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~~10.~~ (New) A method of nutrition of humans, comprising administering to a human selenium and/or zinc, wherein the daily dose of selenium is in the range from 0.04 mg – 2 mg and the daily dose of zinc is in the range from 10 mg – 100 mg, and wherein the trace element iron is not administered to the human.

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~~11.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein the human is an intensive care patient or a sepsis patient.

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~~12.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein the daily dose of selenium amounts to at least 0.5 mg and the daily dose of zinc amounts to at least 10 mg.

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~~13.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~12~~, wherein the trace elements are administered parenterally.

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~~14.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein the method further comprises administering other trace elements selected from the group consisting of chromium, fluorine, copper, iodine, copper, manganese and molybdenum.

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~~15.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~12~~, wherein the trace elements are administered for a period of at least 3 days.

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~~16.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~15~~, wherein the trace elements are administered for a period of at least 5 days.